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Sen. Cassis introduces small-business tax cut

Measure will help more than 35,000 job providers

LANSING—State Sen. Nancy Cassis introduced legislation today that lowers the alternative rate small businesses pay on the Single Business Tax. Senate Bill 1191 will cut tax rates in half for more than 35,000 Michigan job providers.

“Small businesses need tax relief immediately,” said Cassis, R-Novich and chair of the Senate Finance Committee. “They are our hope for the future, and they can’t afford to wait until the end of 2007—more than 21 months—for their tax burden to be lifted.”

Sen. Cassis was referring to House Bill 5743, which will repeal the Single Business Tax by Dec. 31, 2007. The bill passed the Senate today and will be returned to the House for concurrence before being sent to the governor.

SB 1191 reduces the alternative rate small business pay from 2 percent to 1 percent for job providers with an adjusted business income of \$525,000 or less and whose chief executives make \$125,000 per year or less.

“This legislation will provide a much-needed boost to our economy by creating thousands of jobs across the state,” Cassis said.

SB 1191 is expected to be referred to the Senate Finance Committee, chaired by Sen. Cassis.

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